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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. I agree with the problems identified in Dan Kegel's analysis (on the Web at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>)'

I also agree with the conclusion reached by the Proposed Final Judgment as written allows and encourages significant anticompetitive practices to continue, would delay the emergence of competing Windows-compatible operating systems, and is therefore not in the public interest. It should not be adopted without substantial revision to address these problems.

I agree with Robert X. Cringely in his article "He's Not in It for the Profit Steve Satchell for Microsoft Anti-Trust Compliance Committee!" (on the web at <http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>)

..."I think he should get the position. With a background in computer hardware and software that dates back to one of the very first nodes on the Arpanet 30 years ago, Steve Satchell knows the technology. He has worked for several big computer companies, and even designed and built his own operating systems. And from his hundreds of published computer product reviews, he knows the commercial side of the industry. He is glib and confident, too, which might come in handy while attempting to keep Microsoft honest. Sometimes there is a distinct advantage to being the first to apply for a job, so I think Satch should be a shoo-in for one of those compliance gigs. And the boy looks mighty fine in a uniform.

The job will be a challenge, that's for sure. The committee has the responsibility of settling small disputes and gathering the information needed to prosecute big ones. They are supposed to have access to ALL Microsoft source code, and their powers are sweeping. If it goes through, I only hope the court picks three tough but fair folks like Satch. ..."

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